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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ATTN.: BOX PCT APPLICATION
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 1, line 1, please insert the following paragraphs:

- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

A| Applicant claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 199 40 792.4, filed on August 27, 1999 and U.S. Application Serial No. 60/152,689, filed on September 7, 1999. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 of PCT/DE00/02136, filed on July 5, 2000. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--